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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION'S PETITION FOR THE PERMANENT REASSIGNMENT OF
THREE TOLL-FREE SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE NUMBERS**

WC Docket No. 07-271

Comments Due: December 7, 2007
Reply Comments Due: December 12, 2007

On November 20, 2007, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, filed a request for permanent reassignment to SAMHSA of three toll-free numbers used as Suicide Prevention Hotlines.¹ Previously, the Wireline Competition Bureau temporarily reassigned these three numbers for a period of one year in order to minimize the potential loss of life due to callers in need being unable to connect immediately with a crisis center that could dispatch emergency services.² Now, SAMHSA requests that the temporary assignment be made permanent to ensure the continuous operation of these numbers as public resources.³

This Public Notice establishes certain procedural requirements relating to consideration of the SAMHSA petition. This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with

¹ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Petition for Permanent Reassignment of Three Toll Free Suicide Prevention Hotline Numbers, WC Docket No. 07-271 (filed Nov. 20, 2007) (Petition). The numbers at issue are 1-800-784-2433 (1-800-SUICIDE); 1-888-784-2433 (1-888-SUICIDE); and 1-877-784-2432 (1-877-SUICIDA) (collectively, the "Suicide Prevention Hotlines").

² In its December 12, 2006 request, SAMHSA asked the Commission for expedited action to permanently reassign five toll-free numbers used as the Suicide Prevention Hotlines that were in danger of being disconnected. See *Pleading Cycle Established for Comments on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Emergency Request for the Permanent Reassignment of Five Toll-Free Suicide Prevention Numbers*, CC Docket No. 95-155, Public Notice, 21 FCC Rcd 14431 (2006). On January 22, 2007, the Wireline Competition Bureau temporarily reassigned the Suicide Prevention Hotlines to SAMHSA for a period of one year. See *Toll Free Service Access Codes*, CC Docket No. 95-155, Order, 22 FCC Rcd 651 (WCB 2007), *app. for review pending*.

³ See Petition at 2, 4.

the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required. See 47 C.F.R. §1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Interested parties may file comments on the SAMHSA petition on or before **December 7, 2007** and reply comments on or before **December 12, 2007**. All pleadings are to reference **WC Docket No. 07-271**. Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies.⁴

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
 - For ECFS filers, if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.
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⁴ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

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